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1. EXTRAORDINARY TURNOUT OF ROMANIAN LEADERSHIP (I.E., CEAUSESCU PLUS PANA, BURTICA, ANDREI, MANESCU, NICULESCU-MIZIL AND VERDET, AMONG OTHERS) AT BOTH GALA AND RECEPTION GIVEN OCTOBER 7 IN HONOR OF GDR'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY WAS MOST STRIKING FACET OF GDR CELEBRATIONS HERE IN BUCHAREST. CEAUSESCU'S ATTENDANCE AT RECEPTION WAS HIS FIRST THIS YEAR IN CONNECTION WITH PLETHORA OF RECENT ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS, INCLUDING THAT OF THE CHINESE. WEST GERMANS IN PARTICULAR ARE ANNOYED AND PUZZLED, AS TO REASONS FOR THIS SUDDEN ROMANIAN SHOWERING OF ATTENTION ON GDR.

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2. ROMANIAN MEDIA ALSO GAVE EXTENDED COVERAGE TO HONECKER

ANNIVERSARY SPEECH, ALTHOUGH COURTESY DID NOT EXTEND SO FAR AS TO ALLOW THE PUBLICATION OF HIS REMARKS (REFTEL) LINKING CHINESE LEADERSHIP TO "REACTIONARY CIRCLES OF NATO AND COMMON MARKET".

- 3. AT GALA CEREMONY NICULESCU-MIZIL DELIVERED CONGRATULATORY REMARKS; NEITHER HIS SPEECH NOR THAT OF GDR AMBASSADR VOSS CONTAINED ANYTHING UNUSUAL, ALTHOUGH VOSS STATEMENT CONTRASTED WITH ROMANIAN ONE AS EXPECTED BY ITS INCLUSION OF PARAGRAPH NOTING GDR MEMBERSHIP IN WARSAW PACT AS MEANS OF "FULFILLING ITS INTERNATIONALIST DUTY", AND IN ITS WARMER AND MORE NUMEROUS REFERENCES TO THE SOVIET UNION.
- 4. SPECULATION IN DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES IS THAT EAST GERMANS LET IT BE KNOWN BEFOREHAND THAT THEY WOULD APPRECIATE A HIGH-LEVEL ROMANIAN TURNOUT IN RETURN FOR THE STOPH VISIT TO ROMANIA'S OWN 30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS IN AUGUST. IF SO, EVEN THEY MUST HAVE BEEN SURPRISED AT THEIR SUCCESS, WHICH THEY ARE REPORTED TO BE TREATING IN A VERY CASUAL, OFF-HAND MANNER. BARNES

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